



Northwest Justice Project

www.nwjustice.org
"Bringing Justice Home"

What is the NJP Website?

Northwest Justice Project, the federally funded statewide legal services program serving low-income people with civil (non-criminal) problems, launched its website at www.nwjustice.org in 1998. The website was developed to serve as a clearinghouse of legal information and tools for use by low-income people in Washington, as well as the agencies and attorneys that serve this population. The website consists of six main sections: Self-Help Resources, Advocates, Links, About NJP, Glossary and Site Help.

What are the Self-Help Resources?

The Self-Help Resources section houses hundreds of legal education publications that may answer your legal question on-line. Self-Help Resources contains publications from 13 areas of interest including consumer problems, family law, government benefits and housing, as well as materials specific to the legal needs of populations such as seniors, youth, farm workers and immigrants. There are self help packets that contain instructions and forms for pro se clients in family law and housing cases. Selected publications have been translated into Russian and Spanish.

What is in the Links section?

If you cannot find what you need in Self-Help Resources, the next place to look is in our Links section. This area contains hundreds of time saving links to other useful websites. There are 17 link categories available that correspond with the areas of interest available in the Self-Help Resources, as well as links to other legal service providers and related organizations. Our Legal Research links section is a great place to begin research on a specific legal issue. Here you will find links to Washington law, including the RCWs, WACs, court

decisions, federal, state and local court rules, law libraries, legal search engines, legal news and publications, and legislative information.

If I need more legal advice, what should I do?

If a visitors is unable to locate the legal information they are looking for in the Law Center, they may call the CLEAR hotline at 1-888-201-1014 to speak with an attorney or paralegal, except in King County. If the legal matter is in King County, clients may call the Northwest Justice Project's Seattle office at 206-464-1519.

What is in the About NJP section?

This section contains information about NJP's mission and its role as a partner in the Access to Justice Network. Here you can also read about what types of services our organization provides, including information about NJP's Coordinated Legal Education, Advice and Referral system (CLEAR), a statewide hotline. You can read stories of how NJP was able to assist individuals with the many problems low-income people face. In addition, you will find our office locations, job announcements and how you can contribute to the Access to Justice Network.

What may I see on the website in the future?

We are constantly adding new content to the website. In the Self-Help Resources section, you can browse What's New? to see new and updated publications and other recent additions to the site. NJP recently launched www.advocateresourcecenter.org. This secured site contains a variety of tools and information useful to poverty law advocates throughout the Access to Justice community. A multimedia presentation on farm worker rights is now available in Spanish and English. Other instructional audio and multimedia presentations are planned.

How may I join the NJP Network?

If you would like to be notified monthly of what's new on the NJP website and other important announcements, join the NJP mailing list by sending an email to webmaster@nwjustice.org

